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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION JAN 12 A II: 22

In the Matter of)	
)	MURs 4693, 4737
Washington State Republican Party-)	and 4868
Federal Account)	
and Al Symington, as treasurer)	

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

I. ACTIONS RECOMMENDED

Accept Respondents' civil penalty offer of \$80,000 and close the file.

II. BACKGROUND

On August 12, 1999, the Commission found probable cause to believe that the Washington State Republican Party--Federal Account and Al Symington, as treasurer (the "Committee" or "Respondents"), violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) and 441b(a) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.5(a)(1)(i) and 106.5(g)(1)(i), and approved a conciliation agreement

This Office recommends that the Commission accept the Committee's offer.

III. <u>ANALYSIS</u>

This Office recommends that the Commission accept Respondents' offer.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Accept the counterproposal of the Washington State Republican Party—Federal Account and Al Symington, as treasurer.
- 2. Close the file and approve the appropriate letters.

Lawrence Noble General Counsel

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BY:

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Attachment:

Conciliation Agreement

Staff Assigned: Ruth Heilizer